



## St John's Pre-school Newsletter – June 2022

Hi All,

What a start to June we've had with the Jubilee celebrations. We hope you all had a fun-filled Jubilee weekend! We can't quite believe we're heading into our final term of the year now, time is just flying by!

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who attended the annual AGM last month, if you've read the reports you'll know that, despite the challenges of this year, we're hoping to end the year in the green which is fantastic news!

Secondly, June and July are super busy months with loads of activities and dates for the diary so please have a read of the below to familiarise yourselves with everything we have coming up.

### May Highlights

This month we took the kids on a magical journey into the natural world, learning all about nature and the wonderful creatures we have around us. The kids explored the 'Indoor Garden' with their looking glasses spotting all kinds of bugs and creepy crawlies. Next, they experienced an interactive mini world of frogs with water beads, rocks and mini lily pads, bringing to life nature in our ponds. We couldn't let the week finish without a trip to the mini farm complete with pig sty, and a tractor full of corn.

We ended the month with some fantastic role play set-ups helping the children express themselves and be imaginative in play. The hairdresser's salon was a favourite - luckily all the staff left with a full head of hair! 😊



### June's Focus

We're going regal the first week of term celebrating all things royal Jubilee with mini castle set-ups, queenie crafting, Union Jack rice tuft trays and our very own Jubilee tea party.





### June's Birthdays

A very happy birthday to Imogen, Michael and Sophie for June, the children are looking forward to singing you a BIG happy birthday.

### Parents Evenings

Staff will be hosting Parents evenings this term, dates as follows:

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June – for children staying in pre-school 2022/23.** Complete.
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July – for children leaving for school in September 2022.** Booking sheets will be outside pre-school nearer the time to secure your slot.

### Sports Day

Finally, we're able to hold our annual sports day for the children at **St John's School field – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 11am**. Please do come along, bring a picnic blanket and enjoy the morning. We'll be selling a few cakes and refreshments to raise a little extra money for the pre-school too.

### School Leavers

There are a few things on the horizon for our School Leavers as follows;

- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June/Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June/Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – **Alice Greening (Reception teacher St John's Primary) visiting children** who will be attending the school from September. We are in discussion with the other schools to arrange visits.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July - **Leavers professional photos** – an email has gone out with details about booking a slot with Sarah Widdowson for a professional leavers photo of your child (and a buddy of theirs, if you wish), £20 per session. Please let us know by 1<sup>st</sup> July if you would like your child to take part. These are such a lovely keepsake for their time at pre-school.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – **Leavers Party** – more to come on this but we have lots of exciting things planned!!
- **Leavers Hoodies** – we're hoping to get a collection of 'mini' leavers hoodies printed to raise a little money for the pre-school and to kit the kids out in the coolest sweaters in town! These will be sold on pre-order only for £22. An order form will be coming out to you soon.

### New Committee

We are so pleased to announce that we have a new committee in place for next year. They'll be shadowing Rachel, Natalie and Sharon over the coming months getting up to speed with all things pre-school. The team bring with them a fresh set of skills and expertise that will be hugely beneficial to the running of the pre-school;

**New Chair (September 2022) – Saskia Gunson**

**New Treasurer (September 2022) – Laura Duncan**

**New Secretary (September 2022) – Becca Gunn**

**Whilst we've had one new fundraising volunteer come forward (thank you Merry!) we still need the support of about 5 others to make our vital fundraising programme successful next year.** PLEASE consider signing up and supporting the pre-school within this role. You can commit as much, or as little, time as you need and it's a fantastic way to get to know the parents and staff a little better.

### Fundraising

As you can see from the Treasurer's report that was circulated after the AGM we are projecting to end the year just over £200 in profit, once we pay for the replacement fencing following the storm damage. As a result,



we are hoping to run a couple of additional fundraising events before the end of the academic year that we'd love your support on;

### Virtual Race Night – Cheese & Wine



Enjoy an evening of cheese and wine, along with trying your luck at our virtual horse racing. This should be a fab way for parents and carers to socialise and enjoy a bit of downtime from the kids.

Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Time: 7pm

Location: St John's Church Hall

Tickets: £10 per person

Wine and cheese provided, feel free to BYO too! Please RSVP to [stjohnspreschool-fundraising@outlook.com](mailto:stjohnspreschool-fundraising@outlook.com) by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to secure your place.

### Summer Raffle

We'll be running a summer raffle towards the end of term giving you the chance to win a ticket or two to some of our favourite local family attractions. Keep an eye out for more details on this!

### Crowfest

We're hoping to secure a stall at Crowfest on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022 with some games for the children and a few items for attendees to buy. All proceeds going to the pre-school fundraising target. If you'd be happy to help on the stall for an hour or so, please let us know.

As always, if you have any questions on the above, please feel free to contact us on email or phone.

### The Pre-School Team

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